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2. (amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 1 further including an auxiliary surface associated therewith.

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7. (amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said expandable member is selected from the class consisting of bellows and scissors mechanisms.

8. (amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 7 wherein said expandable member is adhered to said platform.

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11. (amended) The method of supporting a body part for transfer, comprising the steps of:

- (a) positioning said body part on a rest member;
- (b) expanding said rest member to an inclined elevation with said body part supported thereon; and
- (c) transferring said body part from said rest member.

12. (amended) The method of claim 11 further including the step of expanding said rest member in association with a bed.

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16. (amended) The method of fabricating apparatus for supporting a body part comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a pivotal platform configured to said body part; and
 - (b) associating an expandable member with said platform.
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19. (amended) The method of claim 18 further including the step of providing a valve for inflating said bellows.

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21. (amended) A system for assisting a person having a lower limb into adopting a reclined position from a sitting position, comprising a surface upon which a person is to recline; and means for transferring the person to said surface, comprising means for elevating said lower limb of said person to a level permitting the transfer of said person to said surface with said lower limb in a reclined position.

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31. (amended) A method for assisting seated persons into adopting a reclined position on an elevated surface comprising the steps of:

- (a) Positioning a seated person's lower limb on means for elevating said lower limb;
 - (b) Elevating said lower limb with said person remaining seated; and
 - (c) Transferring said elevated lower limb to an elevated surface.
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35. (amended) A method as defined in claim 34 wherein said lower limb is transferred to said elevated surface such that said person can adopt a reclined position.
